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## **Philippines**

### **Livestock and Products**

#### **RP Bans Canadian Meat Products due to BSE**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) has issued Memorandum Order No. 15 dated May 21, 2003 imposing a temporary ban on the importation of live cattle, sheep and goats and their meat and meat products from Canada. The order took effect on May 24, 2003, in response to a confirmed case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the country.**

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The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) has temporarily banned all imports of live cattle, sheep and goats, their meat and meat products, bovine embryo, meat and bone meal, and other feed ingredients derived from the said animals from Canada. This is based on a report from the World Reference Laboratory in the United Kingdom confirming that brain tissue sample submitted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) .

The ban was made formal as DA Memorandum Order No. 15, dated May 21, 2003. This order became effective on May 24, 2003.

Figures from the Philippine National Statistics Office (NSO) show that the Philippines imported 767,222 kgs of beef products from Canada in 2002. This is a significant increase from the previous year's imports of 288,695 kgs. For the first five months of 2003, the Philippines imported 474,709 kgs of beef products from Canada.